

Online Hunter Harvest Surveys

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital for sound wildlife management. Deer hunters and turkey hunters are encouraged to report their hunting activity after their season has ended online at www.michigan.gov/dnr. These surveys are the same as those traditionally mailed to randomly selected hunters. The online reporting option now allows all hunters to participate.

Townships with Hunting Restrictions

- ❑ No hunting with firearms in Oakland County townships of Auburn, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield, Farmington, Southfield and Waterford. (State lands in Waterford Township are open.)
- ❑ No hunting with firearms in Macomb County townships of Clinton, Sterling or Harrison.
- ❑ No hunting with firearms in Wayne County townships of Redford and Northville, and in the city of Detroit, including waters of the Detroit River.
- ❑ Grosse Ile Township in Wayne County is closed to all hunting.

Parts of townships in these counties are closed to hunting or restricted to types of firearms or the discharge of firearms as posted: Alcona, Arenac, Barry, Berrien, Crawford, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Iosco, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Livingston, Macomb, Manistee, Mason, Oakland, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Saginaw, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne. (These areas are posted with the restrictions.) For descriptions, contact the appropriate township clerk or township police department.

Firearm and Bow and Arrow Rules

The rules listed below may not apply to a person having a concealed pistol license or a person specifically exempt by law from a concealed pistol license and who carries their handgun in accordance with their license or exemption.

Shell Capacity for Shotguns and Centerfire Rifles

It is unlawful to hunt with a semi-automatic shotgun or semi-automatic rifle, other than a .22 caliber rimfire, that can hold more than six shells in the barrel and magazine combined. Fully automatic firearms are illegal. All shotguns used for migratory game birds (including woodcock) must be plugged so the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells.

Archery Deer Seasons

During the archery deer seasons, it is illegal to carry afield a pistol, revolver or other firearm while bow hunting for deer, unless the individual is properly licensed to hunt deer with a firearm and is hunting in an area open to firearm deer hunting.

Exceptions: This prohibition does not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license. This does not authorize the individual to use the pistol to take game except as provided by law. During the special antlerless firearm deer seasons, a firearm deer hunter may carry afield a bow and arrow or firearm.

November 10-14

It is unlawful to carry afield or transport any rifle (including rimfire) or shotgun if you have buckshot, slug, ball loads or cut shells.

Exception: You may transport a firearm to your deer camp or to a target range during this period if the firearm is properly transported as described on page 10.

A resident who holds a fur harvester license may carry a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm while hunting furbearers or checking a trap line during the open season for hunting furbearers or trapping furbearing animals. You also may target shoot on your own property provided there is no attempt to take game.

November 15-30 Firearm Deer Season

It is illegal for a person taking or attempting to take game to carry or possess afield a centerfire or muzzleloading rifle, a bow and arrow, a centerfire or black powder handgun, or a shotgun with buckshot, slug or ball loads or cut shells, unless you have in your possession a 2007 firearm deer, combination deer or antlerless deer license for the appropriate DMU, with an unused kill tag issued in your name, or a 2007 firearm deer, combination deer or antlerless deer license for the appropriate DMU issued in your name with an unused deer management assistance permit (DMA) kill tag or an unused managed deer hunting permit.

Muzzleloading Deer Seasons

During the December muzzleloading seasons, muzzleloading deer hunters can carry afield and use only a muzzleloading rifle, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a black powder handgun loaded with black powder or a commercially manufactured black powder substitute.

All Firearm Deer Seasons-Rifle Zone (See page 7)

In the rifle zone, deer may be taken with handguns, rifles, bows and arrows, shotguns and muzzleloading firearms including black powder handguns. It is legal to hunt deer in the rifle zone with any caliber of firearm except a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire (rifle or handgun). Crossbows are legal to use by a person 12 years of age or older during the Nov. 15-30 firearm deer season.

Exception: See Muzzleloading Deer Seasons for restrictions during this season.

All Firearm Deer Seasons-Shotgun Zone (See page 7)

In the shotgun zone, all hunters afield from Nov. 15-30, and all deer hunters in this zone during other deer seasons, must abide by the following firearm restrictions or use a bow and arrow. Crossbows are legal to use by a person 12 years of age or older during the Nov. 15-30 firearm deer season. Legal firearms are as follows:

- ❑ A shotgun may have a smooth or rifled barrel and may be of any gauge.
- ❑ A muzzleloading rifle or black powder handgun must be loaded with black powder or a commercially manufactured black powder substitute.
- ❑ A conventional (smokeless powder) handgun must be .35 caliber or larger and loaded with straight-walled cartridges and may be single- or multiple-shot but cannot exceed a maximum capacity of nine rounds in the barrel and magazine combined.

Exception: See Muzzleloading Deer Seasons for restrictions during this season. From Nov. 15-30, .22 caliber or smaller rimfire rifles and handguns may be used to kill raccoon while hunting raccoons with dogs between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

License Requirement–Possession of Firearms and Bows and Arrows

A person taking or attempting to take game and in possession of a firearm, slingshot or bow and arrow must have the appropriate hunting license with them and must produce the license upon the request of a conservation officer or other law enforcement officer.

A hunting license is not required when target practicing or sighting-in a firearm at an identifiable, artificially constructed target, and there is no attempt to take game. A hunting license is not required for the carrying of a pistol for personal protection by a camper, hiker or person engaged in other recreational activities if there is no attempt to take game.

Transporting Firearms and Bows and Arrows

A hunting license is not required while transporting a firearm en route to or from a target, trap or skeet range, or target shooting area and there is no attempt to take game.

At all times, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloading and other firearms and bows and arrows carried in or on any type of motor vehicle, including ORVs and snowmobiles, must be unloaded in both barrel and magazine, and either enclosed in a case, or unstrung, or carried in the trunk of a vehicle with a trunk. These rules apply whether your vehicle is parked, stopped, moving or is on private or public property. A firearm transported in a motor-propelled boat or sailboat must be unloaded in both barrel and magazine when the motor is operating or the boat is under sail and may not be loaded until the momentum of the boat has ceased. Firearms must be unloaded in the barrel, and all arrows must be in a quiver when a hunter is afield outside the legal hunting hours. Exception: These rules do not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license.

A percussion cap muzzleloading longarm is considered unloaded if the percussion cap is removed. A flintlock muzzleloading longarm is considered unloaded if the cock is left down and the pan is open. Black powder handguns must be transported as stated above.

Hunter Orange Clothing Requirements

You may not hunt with any device, or trap with any firearm, on any lands during daylight hunting hours from Aug. 15-April 30 unless you wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear of highly visible color, commonly referred to as Hunter Orange. During the November firearm deer season, this law applies to all deer hunters, including those hunting with a bow and arrow. The garment, featuring Hunter Orange, must be the outermost garment and must be visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments, with 50 percent or more of the surface in Hunter Orange, are legal.

Exception: This law does not apply to persons hunting waterfowl, crow or wild turkey, or to archery bear hunters. Archery deer hunters also are not required to wear Hunter Orange except during the youth firearm season and the November firearm deer season.

Statewide Handgun Regulations

The rules listed below may not apply to a person having a concealed pistol license or a person specifically exempt by law from a concealed pistol license and carrying their handgun in accordance with their license or exemption.

- ❑ While in the field, handguns must be carried in plain view. Carrying a handgun in a holster in plain view is permitted.
- ❑ You may transport your registered handguns while en route to and from your hunting or target shooting area; however, handguns, including BB guns larger than .177 caliber and all pellet guns must be unloaded and in a closed case designed for the storage of firearms in the trunk of the vehicle. If the vehicle does not have a trunk, the handgun must be unloaded and in a closed case designed for the storage of firearms and cannot be readily accessible to any occupant of the vehicle.
- ❑ It is a crime for certain felons to possess firearms, including rifles and shotguns, in Michigan. For more information regarding statewide handgun regulations, obtaining a concealed pistol license or Michigan concealed weapons and firearms laws, contact your local police department.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

Michigan is a member of the “Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact,” an agreement whereby participating states share information about fish and game violators and honor each other’s decision to deny licenses and permits.

Poachers beware. If your hunting, fishing or trapping license is revoked in Michigan, you will lose your privileges in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Failure to comply with the terms of a wildlife-related citation may result in license suspension in participating states.

Mandatory Penalties for Certain Hunting Violations

Violation of permits, season, bag limits, shooting hours and methods of taking game	\$50 to \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail.
Illegal taking/possession of deer, bear or wild turkey	\$200 to \$1,000 fine and 5 to 90 days in jail, restitution of \$1500 for bear, \$1000 for deer/turkey, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next 3 consecutive years.
Illegal use of artificial light with bow and arrow or firearm	\$100 to \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next consecutive year.
Carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or drugs	\$500 fine and/or up to 93 days in jail.
Multiple offender: Two convictions within preceding five years	\$500 to \$2,000 fine and 10 to 180 days in jail.

Safety Zones Around Buildings

Safety zones are all areas within 150 yards (450 feet) of an occupied building, house, cabin, or any barn or other building used in a farm operation. No person, including archery and crossbow hunters, may hunt or discharge a firearm, crossbow or bow in a safety zone, or shoot at any wild animal or wild bird within a safety zone, without the written permission of the owner or occupant of such safety zone. The safety zone applies to hunting only. It does not apply to indoor or outdoor shooting ranges, target shooting, law enforcement activities or the discharge of firearms, crossbows or bows for any non-hunting purpose.

Hunting Hours

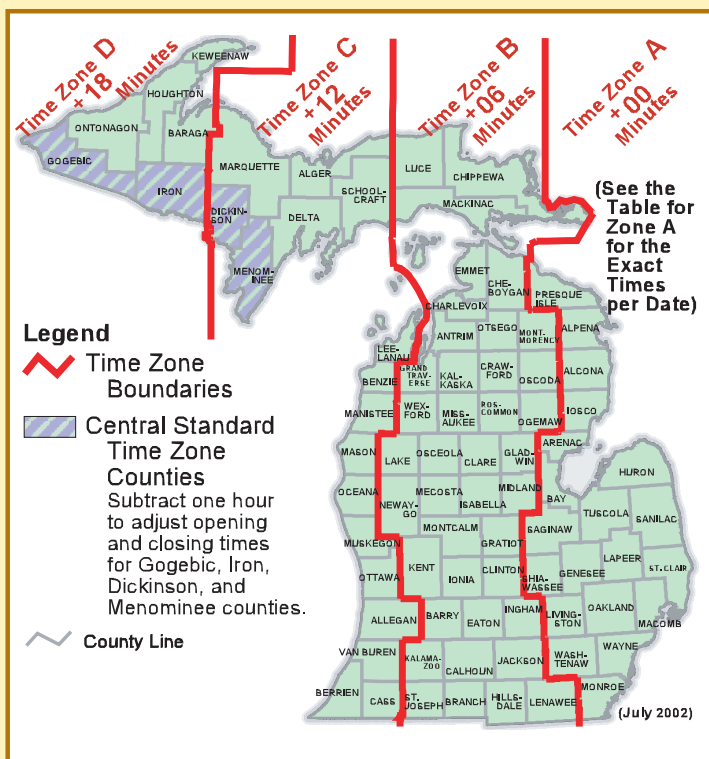
Below is a map of the 2007-2008 hunting hour time zones. Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) for Time Zone A are printed on page 13.

To determine the opening (a.m.) and closing (p.m.) time for any day in another time zone, add the minutes shown below to the times listed in the Time Zone A Hunting Hours Table.

The hunting hour listed in the table reflects Eastern Standard Time, with an adjustment for daylight-saving time. If you are hunting in Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson or Menominee counties (Central Standard Time), you must make an additional adjustment to the printed time by subtracting one hour.

Exceptions:

Woodcock hunting hours are sunrise to sunset. Spring turkey hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset. Waterfowl hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. See page 35 for rules about hunting raccoon, fox, coyote and opossum at night.



Time Zone A. Bear, Deer, Fall Wild Turkey, Furbearer and Small Game Hunting Hours Table*

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset (adjusted for Daylight Savings Time)

2007	September		October		November		December		2008	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August	
Date	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	Date	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
1	6:27	8:37	6:59	7:44	7:35	5:56	7:42	5:31	1	7:32	5:40	7:17	6:16	6:37	6:53	6:44	8:29	5:57	9:03	5:28	9:33	5:30	9:43	5:55	9:21
2	6:28	8:35	7:00	7:43	7:37	5:54	7:13	5:30	2	7:32	5:41	7:16	6:17	6:35	6:54	6:42	8:30	5:56	9:04	5:27	9:34	5:30	9:43	5:56	9:20
3	6:29	8:33	7:01	7:41	7:38	5:53	7:14	5:30	3	7:32	5:42	7:14	6:18	6:34	6:55	6:41	8:31	5:54	9:05	5:27	9:35	5:31	9:43	5:57	9:19
4	6:30	8:32	7:02	7:39	7:39	5:52	7:15	5:30	4	7:32	5:44	7:13	6:20	6:32	6:56	6:39	8:32	5:53	9:06	5:27	9:35	5:31	9:42	5:58	9:18
5	6:31	8:30	7:04	7:37	7:40	5:51	7:16	5:30	5	7:32	5:44	7:12	6:21	6:30	6:58	6:37	8:33	5:52	9:07	5:26	9:36	5:32	9:42	5:59	9:16
6	6:32	8:28	7:05	7:36	7:42	5:50	7:17	5:30	6	7:32	5:45	7:11	6:22	6:29	6:59	6:36	8:34	5:50	9:08	5:26	9:37	5:32	9:42	6:00	9:15
7	6:34	8:27	7:06	7:34	7:43	5:48	7:18	5:30	7	7:32	5:46	7:10	6:24	6:27	7:00	6:34	8:36	5:49	9:09	5:26	9:37	5:33	9:41	6:02	9:14
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